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1 AN ACT relating to physician assistants.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 311.854 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) A physician shall not supervise a physician assistant without approval of the board.
5 Failure to obtain board approval as a supervising physician or failure to comply
6 with the requirements of KRS 311.840 to 311.862 or related administrative
7 regulations shall be considered unprofessional conduct and shall be subject to
8 disciplinary action by the board that may include revocation, suspension, restriction,
9 or placing on probation the supervising physician's right to supervise a physician
10 assistant.
- 11 (2) To be approved by the board as a supervising physician, a physician shall:
- 12 (a) Be currently licensed and in good standing with the board;
- 13 (b) Maintain a practice primarily within this Commonwealth. The board in its
14 discretion may modify or waive this requirement;
- 15 (c) Submit a completed application and the required fee to the board. The
16 application shall include but is not limited to:
- 17 1. A description of the nature of the physician's practice;
- 18 2. A statement of assurance by the supervising physician that the scope of
19 medical services and procedures described in the application or in any
20 supplemental information shall not exceed the normal scope of practice
21 of the supervising physician;
- 22 3. A description of the means by which the physician shall maintain
23 communication with the physician assistant when they are not in the
24 same physical location;
- 25 4. The name, address, and area of practice of one (1) or more physicians
26 who agree in writing to accept responsibility for supervising the
27 physician assistant in the absence of the supervising physician; and

1 5. A description of the scope of medical services and procedures to be
 2 performed by the physician assistant for which the physician assistant
 3 has been trained in an approved program.

4 (3) Prior to a physician assistant performing any service or procedure beyond those
 5 described in the initial application submitted to the board under subsection (2)(c) of
 6 this section, the supervising physician shall supplement that application with
 7 information that includes but is not limited to:

8 (a) A description of the additional service or procedure;

9 (b) A description of the physician assistant's education, training, experience, and
 10 institutional credentialing;

11 (c) A description of the level of supervision to be provided for the additional
 12 service or procedure; and

13 (d) The location or locations where the additional service or procedure will be
 14 provided.

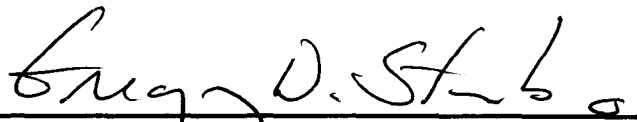
15 The initial and supplemental applications required under this section may be
 16 submitted to the board at the same time.


17 (4) A physician who has been supervising a physician assistant prior to July 15, 2002,
 18 may continue supervision and the physician assistant may continue to perform all
 19 medical services and procedures that were provided by the physician assistant prior
 20 to July 15, 2002. The supervising physician shall submit the initial application and
 21 any supplemental application as required in this section by October 15, 2002.

22 (5) A physician may enter into supervision agreements with no more than~~a maximum~~
 23 ~~of~~ four (4) physician assistants and~~but~~ shall not supervise more than four (4)~~two~~
 24 ~~(2)~~ physician assistants at any one (1) time. Application for board approval to be a
 25 supervising physician shall be obtained individually for each physician assistant.

26 (6) The board may impose restrictions on the scope of practice of a physician assistant
 27 or on the methods of supervision by the supervising physician upon consideration of

1 recommendations of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee established in
2 KRS 311.842 after providing the applicant with reasonable notice of its intended
3 action and after providing a reasonable opportunity to be heard.


Speaker-House of Representatives


President of Senate

Attest: 
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 
Governor

Date 4-3-15